

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1, 2, 4, 10, 15 to 17, 20, 25, 32, 33, 39, 45 and 47 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and add new Claims 48 to 52 as shown below.

1. to 47. (Cancelled).

48. (New) A receiving apparatus, comprising:

a receiving unit for receiving a television broadcasting signal in which video signals of a plurality of broadcasting programs and program information of the plurality of broadcasting programs are multiplexed;

an extraction unit for extracting the program information from the television broadcasting signal received by said receiving unit;

an input unit for inputting recommended program information from an external apparatus, which is accessible by another user;

an image generation unit for generating an Electronic Program Guide (EPG) image based on the program information;

a control unit for retrieving the program information relating to the recommended program information, and for controlling the image generation unit, in a case where the program information relating to the recommended program information does not exist, to generate a normal EPG image, and in a case where the program information relating to the recommended program information does exist, to generate a special EPG image in which the recommended program is notably displayed.

49. (New) The receiving apparatus according to claim 48, wherein the special EPG image comprises a two-dimensional program table displayed with a different display form for program boxes on the table between the recommended program and a non-recommended program.

50. (New) The receiving apparatus according to claim 49, wherein the program box for the recommended program is displayed brighter than other programs, with a focus frame or with an icon representative of the recommendation indices.

51. (New) The receiving apparatus according to claim 49, further comprising a selecting unit for selecting a program selected by a user from a plurality of programs contained in the two-dimensional program table, and a processing unit for processing the video signal of the selected program.

52. (New) A receiving method for a receiving apparatus, comprising the steps of:

receiving a television broadcasting signal in which video signals of a plurality of broadcasting programs and program information of the plurality of broadcasting programs are multiplexed;

extracting the program information from the television broadcasting signal received in the receiving step;

inputting recommended program information from an external apparatus, which is accessible by another user;

generating an Electronic Program Guide (EPG) image based on the program information; and

retrieving the program information relating to the recommended program information, and controlling, so as to generate a normal EPG image in a case where the program information relating to the recommended program information does not exist, and to generate a special EPG image in which the recommended program is notably displayed in a case where the program information relating to the recommended program information does exist.